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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: R. HUTSON

FOR: POLYPEPTIDES IMPLICATED IN THE EXPRESSION OF RESISTANCE TO GLYCOPEPTIDES, IN PARTICULAR IN GRAM-POSITIVE BACTERIA, NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE CODING FOR THESE POLYPEPTIDES AND USE FOR DIAGNOSIS

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

Page 19, lines 15 to 22, replace the text in its entirety with the following:

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-Figure 10 : alignment of the amino acid sequence of VanC (SEQ ID NO:8), VanA (SEQ ID NO:4), Dd1A (SEQ ID NO:32) and Dd1B (SEQ ID NO:33). The identical (I) amino acids and the conservative (C) substitutions in the 4 sequences are indicated in the alignment. In order to classify the conservative substitutions, the amino acids were grouped as follows: RK, LFPMVI (SEQ ID NO:34), STQNC (SEQ ID NO:35), AGW, H, ED AND Y. The